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William & Ann Cryer History and Account of First Annual Cryer Reunion, 1914

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I shall try and relate to you the life history of William and Ann Cryer, as it has been told to me. I feel that it is very incomplete, as we were unable to find the dates of their births, or when and where they were married.
Before I start with the story which I hope will help to make our Family Tree a success, I wish to thank every one connected with the William and Ann Cryer family for their kind co-operation.

William Cryer was born in Lancashire, England, in the year 1813, and in the year 1814, Ann Tatersall was born, who, in later years he took for his wife. They were married in Lancashire, England, after a six week courtship, which his wife Ann always said, he came after her a horse-back, meaning that their courting days were short.

Eight children were born to this worthy couple, two dying in infancy. Their names are Mary, Benjamin, Betty, Joseph, John and James.
They were all married in England with the exception of John and James.
Mary married Robert Kay
Benjamin married Hannah Brierly
Betty married Thomas Sykes
Joseph married Alice Denton
John married Mary Wren of Morris
James married Elizabeth Stafford of Morris.

Joseph, son of William and Ann Cryer was the first to embark over with wide waters to America, coming October of 1863. With him came Thomas Stott, a neighbor of the family in England. They came to Braceville, Illinois, where they worked in the mines for awhile. A short while after they went to Pottstown, Pa. And worked in the hard coal mines. One month after coming to America, he received word of the birth of his first child. In July,1864, Alice Cryer and her eight months old daughter, Annie, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Stott, crossed the water and joined their husbands in America. Joseph liked it so well here, he wrote for his father and mother to come, but thinking they would not he said, Oh, Father will not leave England and his old armchair. Upon receiving the letter from their son, the father said in true English style, I'll show that lad. I'll go and take my armchair with me, which he did. And now anyone caring to see the old armchair of this distinguished old grandfather of ours may, by taking a drive out to the Albert G Cryer home as he is now the possessor.

With their father and mother came, John and James, Benjamin and family and Thomas Sykes and his family. All coming to Pottstown, Pa. They were five weeks on their voyage.

Their daughter Mary did not come to this country until nearly twenty years later.

The men all worked in the hard coal mines in Pottstown, Pa., for two years. Work got very slack in the mines after that. Someone told them that there was good work for coal miners at Morris, Illinois, so they moved here.

While in Pennsylvania, Edwin, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sykes, died after being very sick with lung fever.

After reaching Morris, they settled on what used to be called the prairie. At that time John Buck had a coal mine and a brickyard here. The men all found employment with Mr. Buck, some in the brickyard and others in the mine.

Later the father and mother bought the house on the corner of Division and Lincoln Street where they lived and acquired several other homes in that block. They were very devout Christians, always attending the Methodist Church. Grandfather was so sincere in his devotion, that he used to shout, Amen, Hallelujah!, during the church service. His son, James, said to him once, Father if you will just be quiet while the service is being held, I'll buy you a pair of new boots. Grandfather sat through most of the service in restrained silence. But being overcome by the Divine power, she shouted, Boots or no boots, Hallelujah!

Ann Cryer died in Morris on February 14, 1885, age 71 years. William Cryer, then went to make his home with his son John and family, living four years after his wife.

It seems that Grandpa used to tease Annie Cryer Wood about her nose. This is a part of one of the letters that I received from Mrs. Wood telling what she remembered most about him. "As Grandpa lay on his deathbed the last Sunday night, his children were all at Uncle John's, where he died. I went in to see him and he didn't know I was there. Some of the children didn't seem to think that he was conscious. So my father said to me, Annie, you go and speak to Grandpa and see if he knows you. So I went up to his bed and said hello Grandpa. Do you know me. He looked up at me and said, I would like to know who wouldn't know that nose. My father said that was all the proof he wanted, he knew his father was conscious." He died shortly after on August 10,1888, being 75 years of age.

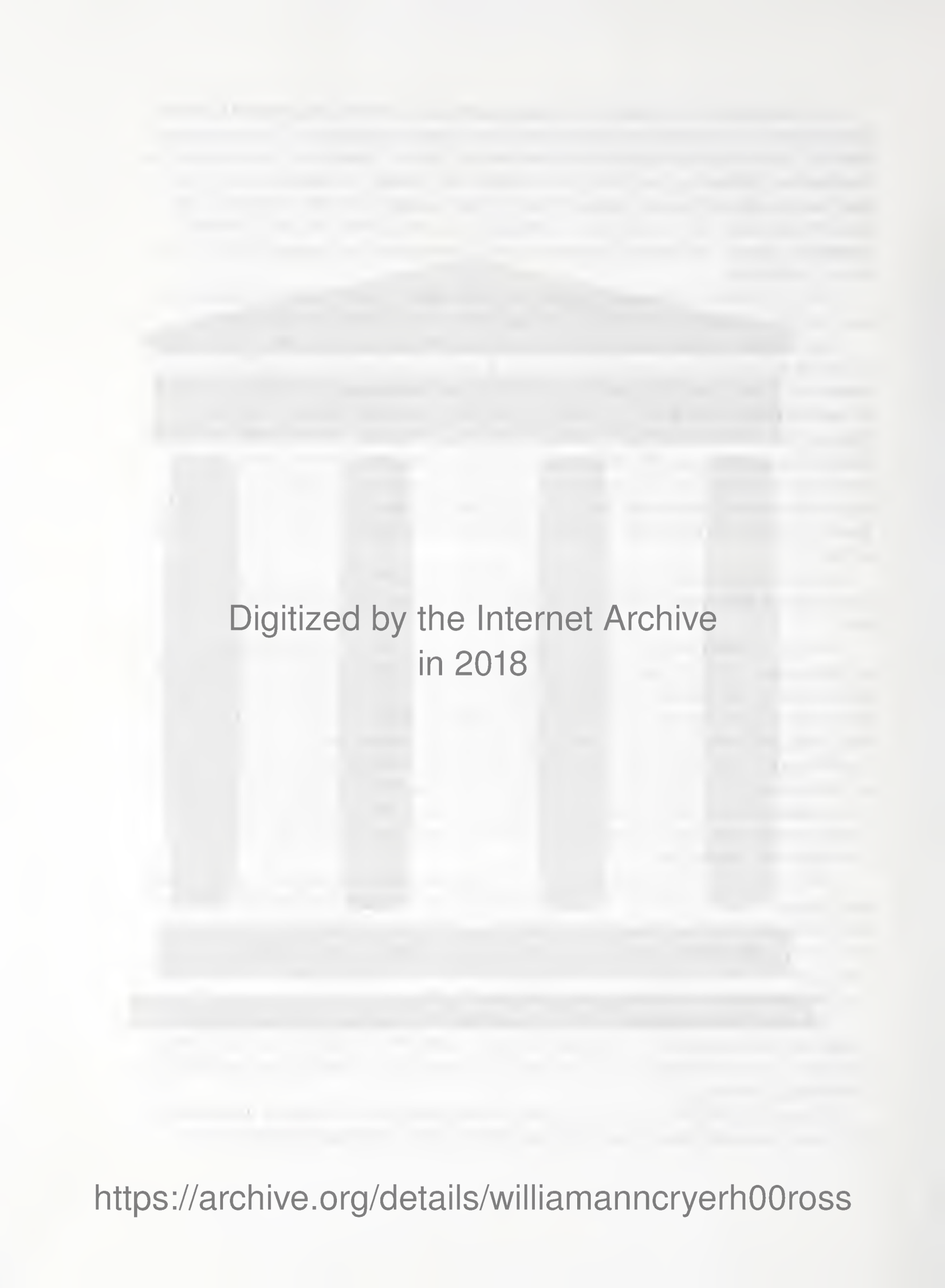
Aunt Betty Sykes, is the only surviving member left of this family. She is eighty nine years old and altho very poorly at times, she enjoys visiting with anyone that calls to see her.

A story has been told by Robert Cryer of his meeting with an old gentleman that lived in Anita, Iowa. This old fellow was walking to the home of his son-in-law who lived in the country, as Uncle Bob overtook him with his wagon. He asked him if he wanted a ride. The old gent replied, "Aye, I will." He seemed to talk so much like his own folds that Uncle Bob said to him, "you sound like you came from Lancashire." The old gent replied again, "Aye, and I did." When asked if he knew a couple over there by the name of William and Ann Cryer, again he replied, "Aye, I guess I did. I used to go with his oldest daughter Mary, and many the time he run me away from the place. It seems that Grandpa must have been the best man, because we don't seem to have any Cleavers roosting in our family tree.

The first Cryer reunion was promoted by Ed Bright and family and held at their home on Monday, August 17, 1914. It was one of the largest and happiest reunions we've ever had. Each year since we have gathered together. For several reunions we journeyed to the homes of the folds in the country. It was decided at one of these meetings that Flag Day, June 14th be set aside as our annual reunion day. For the past years we have met in Goold's Park where it has been most convenient for all.

There are 329 descendants of William and Ann Cryer, taking in five generations. Aunt Betty Sykes being the oldest and the twin cousins Robert Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cryer and Barbara Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cryer, born May 26, 1928 being the youngest.

We are scattered over fourteen of these United States and two counties in England. We have three marriages to record since our last reunion. They are: Ray Bryant and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Laura George, Oct. 9, 1927,Edith Lacurt and Harry Mast, (no date) and Alta Cryer and Walter Long, Mar. 3,1928.

There are also eight new babies:

Barbara Jean Reeve	August 6, 1927
George Douglas McKeen	September 13, 1927
Ruth Aileen Staley	October 30, 1927
Wanda Lea Baetz	November 21,1927
Wayne Edward Schaible	February 10,1928
Margaret Julia Rivett	March 16, 1928
Robert Gordon Cryer	May 26,1928
Barbara Ann Cryer	May 26, 1928

Five of our loved ones have gone to a better home in the last year. They are:

William Wood	July 28, 1927
Eleanor Bryant	October 24,1927
Mildred McKeen	February 6, 1928
Bennie Cryer	March 7, 1928
James Cryer	Mar. 31, 1928

The Family of Mary (Robert) Cryer Kay Worth

- Liza Jane Richards
  - Alice Lester
    - Irene Lester
  - Robert Kay Richards
    - Allan Richards
    - Alice Richards
  - Fanny Kay Helliwell
    - Gladys Helliwell
  - John Richards
  - Wilfred Richards
- Harry Kay
  - Willie Kay
    - Dorothy
  - Robert Kay
    - Roberta
    - June
- Joe Kay
  - Annetta Kay Weeden
    - Audrey
    - Mildred
  - Annie Kay Hindley
    - Netta
    - Ella
  - Hilda Kay Pitfield
  - Harry Kay
  - Ethel Kay
  - Harold Kay
  - Minnie
- Sarah Ann Harper
  - Julia Rivett
  - Ernest
    - John Jr.
    - Margaret Julia
  - Earl
  - Alice Esgar
    - George
    - Edward
    - Ralph
    - Charles Esgar
    - William
    - Paul
  - Ralph Harper
  - Henry Harper
    - Willard

Sarah Ann Harper, cont.

Edward Harper
- Gerald
- Lawrence

Florence Mabee
- Mildred
- Eileen
- Eleanor
- Donald

Mildred
Wade
Harold
Ruth

Alice Wood
- Everett Irvin Wood
  - Dorothy Winifred
  - Virginia May

Lincoln Kay
- Vivian R.
- Harold G.
- Mary R.
- L. Irvin

First wife:
Jennie Leach

- Earl E.
- Howard T.
- Grant W.
- Paul H.

Third wife
Lida Howe

James Kay
- Harry
- Harriet
  - Glenn
- Grace H. Kay
- Mildred A. Donegan
  - Patricia Mary

Ralph
Harry
Harriett
Robert Glen

+ Marian + Clarence

Robert Kay--Never married

John Kay
- Willie
- Chester
- Everett
- Edward
- Virginia
- Alice

The Family of Benjamin Cryer and Hannah Brierly

One son died in infancy

Sarah George

Hannah Duvall

- Lavinia R. Frere
  - Mary R.
  - Agnes
  - Ruth M.
  - Barbara M.
  - Maxine L.
  - Esther L.
  - Paul J.
  - Marjorie J.
  - Phylis A.
  - Eugene
- Verna E. Ward
  - Vera Marie
- Georgia Leola Shead
  - Crystal Lydia Shead
- Violet V. Burgen
  - Anna May
  - Wilma Louise
- LeRoy J. Duvall

Myrtle H. McCoach

- Zadelle

Mary Harris

- Stella Louise

Mae Spellisy

- John Spellisy
- Henry Spellisy
- William Spellisy
- Mayme S. Alderman
- Thomas Spellisy

Stella Coop

- Marjorie Coop

John T. George

- Ralph
- Thelma
- John Jr.

Elmer George

Marvel Reeves

- Barbara Jean
- Leonard
- Clifford
- Clyde

Family of Benjamin Cryer, Cont.

- Mildred McKeen
  - George Douglas McKeen

The Children of Ann Cryer Howe (sr)

- Milo Howe
  - Jennie L. Howe
  - Frank
  - Anna Mae
- Robert Howe
- Hannah Youngren (1st. husband) Colman (2nd.Husband)
  - Helen Youngren
  - William Youngren
    - Ann
  - Emma Howe Sanford
- Ben Howe
  - William
  - Elizabeth
- Lois Howe
- Lena L. Sanford
  - William
  - Mary
- Joseph H. Cryer

Children of Alice Cryer Sims

- William Sims
  - Mabel F. Baetz
    - Ladonna Mae
    - Paul Dean
    - Wanda Lea
  - Lena A.
  - Randall R.
  - E. Vern
  - Esther
  - Pauline
  - Billy Jr.
  - Melvin Lyle
- Marion Farnham
- Mary Hannah Baetz
  - E. Levon
  - Alice Arleen
- Clara Alice Barnes
  - Dorothy Marie

Robert Cryer
William Cryer
    Max L.
    Florence J.
    Robert L.
Russell T. Cryer
    Russell D.
    Betty J.

Children of Bennie Cryer

Arthur L. Cryer
    Donald A
    Edward L.
    Bernard
Mabel M. Wood
Walter Cryer
    Maurice R. Cryer
    Dorothy L. Cryer
Mary Bright
    LeRoy
    Ethel H.
    Theodore Mc.
    Florence A.
    Bernita B.
    Herman K.
Fredrick R. Bright
    Marguerite M.
    Earl William
    Robert R.
    Dorothy Lorretta
Ernest E. Bright
    Mary Jane
Elizabeth Hamilton
    Melvin J. Hamilton
Alma Dimoush (dinioush) Spelling?
    Melvin E.
    Alma J.
    Genevieve G.
Harriett Bryant
    Joseph B. Bryant
    Hannah D.
    Edward
    Cryer
    Richard
    Jack

Hazel B. Rossi
J. Edward
Bernice J.
Harriett M.
Pearl B. Schaible
David
Floyd G.
Wayne E.
Charlotte R. Peterson
Donna L.
Edna Svendsen
Harold
Gordon
J. Henry Bryant
Grace Anita
Charlotte C. Mitchell

Family of Betty and Thomas Sykes

- Lydia Wood
  - Elvin Wood
    - Barbara June
- Robert Sykes
- Chester J. Sykes
  - Chester N.
  - Merlyn C.
  - Eleanor L.
- Mildred G. Michaels
  - Mildred G.
  - Marlyn D.
- Gerald Sykes
- Mary Wood
  - Clarence R. Wood
    - Helen
  - Milford Wood
- Frank Sykes
  - T. Ronald Sykes
  - Eloise H. Holmes
  - Marjorie L. Sykes
- Charles Sykes
  - Charles E.
  - Thomas E
  - Myrtle S. Staley
    - Joe R.
    - Charles M.
    - Ruth Aileen
- Myrtle Sykes Hunt.
  - Millard H.
  - Alma H. Anderson

Children of Joseph Cryer

- Annie Cryer Wood
  - Samuel J. Wood
    - Hazel I
    - Charles E
  - Alice Wood Wilson
    - Ethelyn G.
  - Mabel Wood Pickering
    - Leonard W.
    - Alice L.

Annie Cryer Wood, cont.:

- Fern Wood Swartz
  - Evelyn M.
  - Lorene B.
- Lydia Marie Wood Cook
  - Bruce A.

Mary Cryer Bryant

- Ralph M.
- Viola M.
- Duane R. Bryant
  - Allan
  - Althea
  - Donald
- Charles Bryant
  - Dorothy J.
  - Max E.
  - William A.
  - Rex. E.
- Ray A. Bryant
  - Robert E.
  - James R.
  - Margaret M.
- Louise Bryant

Edward G. Cryer

- Pearl Viola Matthews

Albert G. Cryer

- Ethel
- Ralph
- Hazel

Children of John Cryer

William H. Cryer

- Edith M. Mast
  - Rolin H. Lacart
  - Mary E. Lacart
- Ruth E. Bernstein
  - Helen Jean
- Herbert W. Cryer
  - Bruce Edward

Sadie C. Hill

- Mary T. Hill
- Gertrude H. Nystrom

Hazel Cryer

John H. Cryer
- Clifford Cryer
  - Barbara Ann
- Lois C. Amundson
  - Gerald
  - Geraldine

Bertha M. Sleight
- Elmer Noble
- Nellie M.
- Mary E.

Elmer Cryer
- Donald W.
- Ethel B.
- Earl W.
- William F.
- Elmer H.
- Virginia M.

Ray Cryer
- Alberta M.
- John E.
- William
- Mildred
- Robert G.

Children of James Cryer and Elizabeth Stafford

Dora Croft
- Edwin T. Croft
  - Harold E.
- Louise D.
- Eleanor G.
- Emma L. Shumway

Daniel J. Cryer
- Alta C. Long
- Violet E. Cryer

Esther Ellen Oakes
- Edith Oakes Brewer
- James H. Oakes

Alice M. Wiley
- Lela H.

I hope that the one chosen to write the story of Mary Kay Worth and Family for our next reunion, gets as much pleasure out of their work as I did.

I Thank You

Hazel B. Rossi

June 14, 1929
This history was written and read by Alice Esgar.

Mary Cryer

Mary Cryer, oldest daughter of William and Ann Cryer was born at Millrow, Lancashire, England on----------1833. At the age of 21 years she was united in marriage to Robert Kay. To this union eleven children were born, namely Liza Jane, Harry, Joseph, Sarah, Sarah Ann, Alice, Lincoln, James, Bennie, Robert and John, five of whom are living: Sarah Ann Harper, Alice, Lincoln, James and John.
After the death of her husband she, with six of her children sailed for America on the 16th day of July, 1880, to make her home near her father and mother at Morris, Illinois. To help her make her living she kept a boarding house. Later she was united in marriage to George worth, and the moved to Seneca, Illinois.
After a lingering illness she departed this life on May 29, 1892, at the age of 59 years. She was laid beside her father and mother, the late Grandpa and Grandma Cryer in Evergreen Cemetery.
From June 14, 1928 to June 14, 1929 we have lost three of our members by death.

Betty Sykes died Jan 4, 1929
Robert Kay died February 25, 1929
Mrs. Joe Kay of England died May 28, 1929

There were five marriages: (it says five, but there are only four recorded.)

George Esgar and Edna Reeves on June 26, 1928
John cryer and Myrtle DeBore on March 23, 1929
Earl Rivett and Getrude Nawman on April 5, 1929
John Sims and Dorothy Fowler Wood on April 27, 1929

And 10 new babies

Alice Marie born June 26, 1928 Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Bryant.
Glen William born august 5, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Wood.
Irvin Dale born August 9, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holg (SP) Svendsen
James Gerald born September 3, 1928, son of Mr.and Mrs. James Donovan
Leslie Eugene born October 27, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long.
Donald Eugene born November 16, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mabee
Kenneth James born December 2, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Wood
Dorothy Eloise Born April 2, 1928, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reeves.
Donald Edward born June 8, 1929, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bright
A son, born June 11, 1929 born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cryer

June 14, 1930
This history was written and read by Hazel B. Rossi

Benjamin Cryer

Benjamin Cryer was born at Millrow, Lancashire, England on July 9, 1835, being the second child born to William and Ann Cryer. When a very small boy he went to work in the coal mines with his father. In the month of March 1854, he was united in marriage with Hannah Brierly. He was about 19 years old at that time. To the union eleven children were born, five of them, Sarah, Ann, Joseph, Alice and Robert were born in England and with their parents and grandparents came to America, when very small children.
They lived in Pottstown, Pa. For two years, then they came to Morris, to the home of his parents, William and Ann Cryer, who had come to the west a few months before looking for steady work. After being here a short while he leased some land about one mile north of Morris, on Conklin road where farmed the land for some years. Here the rest of their children were born. William, Bennie, Mary, Elizabeth, Harriet and Charlotte. William died in infancy.
Years later he bought a piece of land in town, and moved the house from the Conklin road onto it. They also built an addition on at that time.
Some forty years later this same piece of property was bought from the estate by my husband. We also done some remodeling still using the new addition that our grandparents built on. This little note is not direct history, but I have always been glad to have as my home, one that has been in the family so many years. Giving up the mine work, with grandmothers' help, he took care of the fourth ward school, until he was taken sick in the winter of 1910. He died January 10- 1911. At the age of 76 years and was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery.

From June 14, 1929 to June 14, 1930 we have the following marriages to report:

Hannah Bryant to Lloyd Sette on June 24, 1929
Joseph Bryant to Hilda Johnson on July 15, 1929
Marjorie Coop to Howard Gierick on August 24, 1929
Stella Harris to Walter Collenette on August 31, 1929
Ethelyn Gertrude Wilson to Raymond Kircher on December 26, 1929
Charles Edward Wood to Louise Barstensen on January 5, 1930
Irene Wood to Earnest Larsen on January 23, 1930

Births:

John Henry Jr. son born on June 24, 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Bryant.

Howard Dale, son born on May 24, 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cryer
Charles Ernest, son born on January 19, 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rivett

Stanley Earl, son born November 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rivett.

From June 14, 1930 to June 14, 1931 The following deaths occurred:

Robert Kay Jr. July 9, 1930
James Oakes July 19, 1930
Aunt Libby Cryer, Sept. 6, 1930
Clara Sykes, February 14, 1930
Sarah George March 11, 1931

Marriages:

Millard Hunt and Lois Peacock
Everett Kay and Virginia Hero, May 9, 1931
Chester Kay and Adeline Cructh, June 29, 1930

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collenette, a girl, Alice Louise born July 13, 1930
Mr. and Mrs. George Esgar, a boy, Donald George, born July 4, 1930
Mr. and Mrs. Will Sanford, a boy, Edward, born July 15, 1930
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaible, a girl, Anna Louise born, August 10, 1930
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rivett, girls, Judith Fay and Julia Mae, born, May 5, 1930

June 14,1931
This history written and read by Lydia Wood.

Betty Cryer Sykes
Betty Cryer was born in Milrow Lancashire, England in the year 1840. She being the third child of Wm. and Ann Cryer. When she was about 17 years of age she was married to Thomas Sykes. Six children were born to this couple. In the year 1865, she her family with her parents and grandparents came to America and settled in Pennsylvania. While there, their oldest son died with lung fever. Shortly after they journeyed west to Illinois to be near the rest of the family. Her husband worked in the coal mines and also done considerably farming. They were supervisors at the county farm for a number of years. After her husband's death, she made her home with her daughter, Lydia Wood. She died Jan. 4, 1929 and was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery.

From June 1931 to June 1932, the following have passed away:

Aunt Mary Cryer
Irvin Dale Swendsen
Judith Fay Rivett
Laurence Harper

Marriages:

Nellie Oakes to Herman Ohlendorf
Clifford Leach to Florence (unreadable)
Ethel Cryer to Clair Wilson
Earl Kay to Jeanet Thompson

Births:

Earl Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holger Swendsen

Births, cont: Allan Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kay
Billy Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bright
Nov. 2,1932 son of Mr and Mrs. Walter Collenette

There wasn't any history reading at our reunion in 1932. Mary Bryant had been chosen to write her fathers' life story but on account of the serious illness of Uncle Joe, she wasn't able to be present.

From June 14, 1932 to June 19,1933 we lost the following folks whom we shall all sadly miss at our annual gatherings.

Joe Bryant June 24, 1932
Jane Cryer Sept. 30, 1932
Robert Cryer Nov. 30, 1932
Elizabeth Cryer April 3, 1933

Marriages:

Mary Frances Hill to Porter Orr June 30, 1932
Nellie sleight to Hobart Cribb October 29, 1932
Hazel Cryer to John Iverson October 1, 1932
Ralph Cryer to Margirette Giarner (sp) December 24, 1932
Sadie Cryer Hill to Ray G. Wilkin May 11, 1933
Louise Bryant to Glenn Simvions (sp) May 11, 1933
Leonard George to Bernice Robertson May 23, 1933

Births:

Colleen Ann, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, Jan. 2, 1933
Richard Lee, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson, Feb. 19, 1933
Mary Christine, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Nystrom, May 26, 1933
Allan Reeves, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. George Esgar, April 23, 1933

This history written and read by Mary Bryant.

Joseph Cryer

Joseph Cryer was born in Milrow, Lancashire, England, July 10, 1843, and after getting a common school education, he followed the occupation of a miner. He was married to Alice Denton, March 2, 1863. He first came to Braceville, Illinois and after a few months, he returned to Pennsylvania and was joined there in July 1864, by his wife and daughter Annie, who was then 8 months old. Later they came to Morris, Grundy Co. of Illinois. He still followed the trade as a miner. In the spring of 1876, he moved to Mazon and started farming. The year 1901, he moved to Medaryville, Indiana. In the year 1910, he lost his wife. Four children were born to their union. Mrs. Annie Wood, Terrill, Iowa, Mrs. Mary Bryant, Morris, Ill., Rev. E. G. Cryer, Chicago, Ill. Allan Cryer of Morris, Illinois. The next year, he was married to Mrs. Julia Huston of Muncie, Indiana. He passed away Dec. 17, 1912 at his home in Medaryville, Ind. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Morris, Illinois. He was a charter member of the Free Methodist Church in

Mazon, also of Medaryville church. He was the first member of the Cryer family to come to America.

From June 14, 1933 to June 14, 1934 we have to report the following:

The death of the husband of Dorothy Fowler Woods, J. Bryant, in Jan.
Son of J. Henry Bryant

Marriages:

Max Cryer to Helen Dess Aug. 19, 1933
Cryer Bryant to Dorothy Shaip Sept. 9. 1933
Herman Bright to Gladys Baker June 12, 1934

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryant, a son, Robert, May 20, 1043
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sanford, a girl, July 28, 1933
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Setle, a son, Richard Allan, Jan 1934
Mr. and Mrs. John Iverson, a girl, Lois, Jan. 1934
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaible, a girl, anita Mae, Jan. 1934

June 14, 1934
This history written by Sadie Wilkins and ready by Myrtle Cryer.

John Cryer
Mr. John Cryer, son of William and annn Cryer, was born in Milnrow, Lancashire, England, and came to America with his parents at the age of 14 yrs. And in the city of Chicago they were delayed on account of not having funds enough to bring them all to Morris. They sent the family on, while he and his father stayed over night in the city, sleeping in the calaboose. His brother, Joseph, living in Morris went to Chicago the next morning with the necessary funds to bring them to Morris. He was a coal miner by trade. At the age of 19 years, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Wren, July 12, 1870, by the Rev. R.K. Bibbins, pastor of the M.E. Church, in the prescence of Mr. Thomas Sykes and Mrs. Alice Cryer. This being the first marriage in the Cryer family in America. To this union were born 8 children: as follows:

William Herbert Cryer	Nov. 3, 1870	
Sarah Ann Cryer	Oct. 29, 1873	
John Henry Cryer	Dec. 6. 1875	
Herman James Cryer	Dec. 6, 1875	Twins
Bertha Cryer	Aug. 31, 1881	
Walter Cryer	Oct. 9, 1883	
Walter Elmer Cryer	May 27, 1886	
Maurice Hammond Cryer	Nov. 24, 1890	

Deceased are:

Herman James Cryer	Oct. 22, 1880
Walter Cryer	Jan. 21, 1884
Maurice Cryer	Oct. 12, 1905
John Cryer, Sr.	Mar. 13, 1908
Mary Ann Cryer	Feb. 9, 1932

He was a kind and loving father and husband and was know throughout the Cryer relationship as Uncle Johnnie. Years ago he served as class leader and later Sunday school Supt. In the M. E. Church. Later he joined the Free Methodist church and served as a church trustee until his death March 13, 1908.

From June 14, 1934 to June 14, 1935 the following have passed away:

Edward Cryer, Rev.	Dec. 16, 1934
Ralph George	Mar. 15, 1935
Ralph Esgar	Apr. 22, 1935

Marriages:

Gladys Leach to Clyde Carkuff	Sept. 9, 1934
Allan Bryant to Ruth Watters	Dec. 1, 1934
Mary Slate to Jean (sp) Evans	
Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wood	

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryant, a son, Robert Bryant, May 20, 1034
Barbara Ann Holmes, July 21, 1930 ???

From June 14, 1935 to June 14, 1936 four of our loved ones were called home:

Edward Bright	June 23, 1935
Charles Wood	
Annie George Duval	May 2, 1936
Irvin Wood	May 28, 1936

Marriages:

Howard Kay to Mildred Watters	Sept. 15, 1935
Thomas Spellisy to Rosella Herman	Nov. 23, 1935
Edward Bryant to Ethel Fellen	Jan 1, 1936
Arthur Cryer to Clara Nickelson	April 11, 1936
Alice Kay to George Schroeder	

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bryant, a son, July 5, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. Max Cryer, a girl, Aug.21, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cryer, a son, Eugene Edward, Sept. 9, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaible, a girl, Shirley, Jan. 1936
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bright, a girl, April, 1936
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard George, a girl, May 30, 1936
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson, a boy, Donald, 1936
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryant, a boy, Benjamin Joseph, Oct. 5, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cryer, a son, 1935

From June 14, 1936 to June 14, 1937 we sadly add 2 more losses:

Baby Bennie Bryant
Mrs. Clarence Wood

Marriages:

Richard Bryant to Helen Harold
Alfred Steele to Marian Kay
Hattiett Kay to Paul Kenneth Kauffman (June 13, 1937)

Louis Schenk to Helen Youngren
Ralph Davies to Frances Smith
Edward Esgar to Louise Henderson
Harriett Kay to ?????

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hunt, a girl, Feb. 19, 1936
Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder, a girl, Charlene Claudette, May 28, 1937
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wood, a girl, Wanda Lou
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryant, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. James McFall, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John Iverson, a boy, Donald John
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kay, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kay, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kay, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bryant, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirscher, a boy
Geo. And Alice Schroeder, a girl (this is a repeat, but appears in the Reunion papers this way)

From June 14, 1937 to June 12, 1938 our family lost 2 loved ones:

Joseph H. Cryer
Wm. Harper

Births

A daughter, Joya to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cryer, May 28.
Thomas Kent Bryant, Dec. 22, 1938
Mrs. Virginia Ryder, a girl, August 5, 1937

From June 14, 1938 to June 14, 1939

Deaths:

Elvin Wood
Alice Wood Mar. 23, 1939

Births:

A Daughter, Norma Jean to Mr. and Mrs. John Iverson, Dec. 1
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder, May 8, 1939

Marriages:

Elberta Cryer to Ed Larson Jan. 19, 1938

From June 14, 1939 to June 14, 1940

Deaths:

Mary Bright Oct. 24, 1939
Hattie Bryant Nov. 22, 1939

Births:

Thomas R. Sykes July 16, 1939 to Mr. and Mrs. T. Ronald Sykes

Linda Elaine Esgar, May 30, 1940 to george and Edna Esgar
Beverly Jean Larson Sept. 6, 1939

Weddings:

Edith M Lacart to William G. Ives Chicago

From June 14, 1940 to June 14, 1941

Deaths:

John Kay
Willie Kay

Births:

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davies
Kenneth Kay Kaufman, son to Paul and Harriet Kay Kaufman
Daughter to Eddie Kays
Son to Virginia Ryder
Daughter, Betty, to Howard Kays
2 babies to Iowa members of the Cryers
Son to Clarence and Roberta Kay

Weddings:

Glenn Kay (son of Harry Kay) to Rachel Murdi (sp)
Bright and Robert Blair
Ted Laudermilk to Evelyn Swartz

June 14, 1949- July 12, 1942

Deaths:

Glen Simmons
John George
Charles Sykes

Births:

Son, Gordon, to Glen and Rachel Kay
Son, Donald, to Hawey and Marjorie Sykes Lockwood
Son , to Edward and Louise Esgar
Girl to Chester Kay and Wife
Earl Rivetts

Weddings:

Althea Bryant to Arthur Schultz
Gerald Harper and Lorraine Carlson
Betty Cryer (russels) and Wm. Gang Jr.
Thelma George and Raymond Gable
Earle Bright and Marjorie Kay
Rob. Bryant and Marge melby
David Schaible---
Elmer Cryer and Betty
Billy Cryer and Betty (1940)
Earl Cryer and Marguerite Root
Edward Schmidt and Margaret M. Bryant

July 1942 to July 14, 1943
Deaths:

Births:

A girl, Sharon Lee to Elberta Cryer Larson Oct. 13, 1942
A girl to Evelyn Laudermilk
A boy to Ethelyn Wilson

Weddings:

Edward Rossi to Virginia Vanzant
James Whitley to Louise Bryant Simmons Oct. 3
Clyde George to Agnes Anderson Nov. 26

July 14, 1943 to July 14, 1944
Deaths:

George Mitchell
Charlotte Mitchell

Births:

Son to Evelyn Laudermilk
Son to Lorraine Ficken
Son to Charles Esgar

Marriages:

Florence Cryer to Thomas Condos (sp)

July 14, 1944 to July 14, 1945
Deaths:

Loretta Schroeder Sept. 8, 1945
I wonder if this is a mistake? Shouldn't it be 1944

Births:

Apr. 9, 1945 a son to Elberta Larson
July 1, 1944 a girl to Chester Kays
June 19, 1945 a girl to Marion Steele
A son to Ralph Davies
A son to Charles Esgar

Marriages:

Oct. 28, 1944 Virginia Cryer to Herbert Eich
Eugene Huebner to Beth Swartz

July 14, 1945 to July 14, 1946

Deaths:

Cryer Bryants' baby
Dora Cryer Croft

Births:

Thomas Spellisy's
Dick Bryant a girl

Cryer Bryants a boy
Allen Bryants a girl
Barbara Butz a son
Harold Svendson a boy
Berneice Rossi Johnson a boy
Glen Kays a girl, Barbara Jane June 27

Weddings:

1945 William Esgar to Ethel
1946 Eldred Leach and Wanda Peck
" John Welsh to Dorothy Bryant
" Robert Bryant to Joyce Trujillo
" Rex Bryant to Mary Lou McKibben
" John George to Joyce Olson
" Irvin Kay to Edna Redmond
1945 Barbar McBride to James Lanier
1946 Dorothy McBride to Paul Lucas
1946 Donald Bryant to Helen Dobes July 14
Golden Wedding--Mr. and Mrs. James Kay
1947 Gordon Svendson

July 14, 1946 to July 14, 1947

Deaths:

Mrs. Annie Wood, June 26, 1947

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. James Lanier a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goble a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Schultz a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eich a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Leach a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bryant a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde George a
Mr. and Mrs. John George a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huebner a boy
Mr and Mrs. Allen Bryant a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Esgar a boy
Clarence Kays adopted a baby girl 2 1/2 years old.

Marriages:

Frank Howe to Bessie Vilt

July 14, 1947 to July 14, 1948

Deaths:

Gusta Cryer
Ralph Harper

Lizzie Hamilton
Bertha Sleight
Benjamin Howe

Births:

Son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant
Daughter to Mr and Mrs. Edw. Schmidt
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Sette
Son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Steel
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rivett
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rivett
Son to Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bryant Barbara Lynn Feb. 24, 1948
Son to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frishous
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fricken
Son to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harper
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kauffman
Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lanier
Son to Mr. and Mrs. Don Mabee

Kay Heathen (4/5/48)

Marriages:

Max Bryant to Ruth Reynolds
Jack Cryer to Shirley Joseph
Wm. Cryer to Marjorie Attaway
Paul Esgar to Ardella Male
Virginia Cryer to George Yansen
Mrs. Carrie Kay to Robert Boyer
Florence Kay to Geo. Nelson
Bruce Cook to Merllyn Huff
Robert Cryer to Bernadine DeLorenzo

July 1948 to July 17 1949

Deaths:

George Peterson
James Kay

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lucas a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Sykes a boy
Mr.and Mrs. Ted Laudermilk a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pickering a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bryant a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bryant a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant a girl
Mr. and Mrs. George Yansen a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Schultz a boy
Berniece Rossi Johnson a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John Benson a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bryant a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huebner a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howe a boy
Mr and Mrs. Jack Cryer a boy

Marriages:

Marlin Mickael and Ruth Miller
John Benson and Anna Schaible
Duane Bryant and Lois Mellen 28,Nov. 1948
James Bryant and Ruth Keeler
Willard Harper and Dorothy Hutchings

July 17, 1949 to July 16, 1950

Deaths:

Lincoln Kay
Wm. Esgar
Jesse Wylie
Gene Evans

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Rossi a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John George a girl
Mr. and Mrs. John Iverson a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bryant a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frishour a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esgar a girl
Mr and Mrs. (Margaret Johnson) a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bryant a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mabee a girl

Weddings:

Patricia Donegan and Richard Cummings Nov. 19, 1949
Bruce Cryer and Joanne Knapp
Alice Louise Collenette and Charles W. Kagarise July 15 1950
(Mary Harris' grandaughter)
Helen Jean Ernst and Dames Dowler

July 16, 1950 to July 15, 1951

Deaths:

Annie Cryer
Donald Esgar
Pearl Schaible
Izora Sykes

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bryant a son
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schaible a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bryant a son, Donald Duane Jr. 20 Sept., 1950
Mr. and Mrs. Benson a son

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cryer a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant a son
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cook a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cryer, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy Twin sons
Mr. and Mrs. James Butz (my copy does not show sex of child)
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swendson a son
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cryer a son
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mabee A daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schaible a son

Weddings:

Grace Kay and Ernie Edell
Lorene Wood and Stanley Kay
Carol Jean Cryer and George Piernamn (sp)
Harold Wade and Dorothy Barnes

July 15, 1951 to July 13, 1952

Deaths:

Raymond Kiacher

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Laudermilk a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huebner a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bryant a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brooks a boy

Weddings:

Glen Wood and Frances Wilkenson
Lois Iverson and Donald Brooks
Eileen Swartz and Dale Blunt
Julia Rivett and William Kelly
Max Bryant and Betty Kilts (sp)

July 13,1952 to July 12, 1953

Deaths:

Jack Bryant Morris
Dan Schumway Chicago
Mrs. Donald Cryer Unreadable
Mrs. John Cryer, Morris
Harry Kay Joliet
Paul Rivett Seneca
Ed Larson Joliet
David Wood, Unreadable
Donald J. Iverson Morris

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schaible a son
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bryant a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brooks a son
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Larson a son
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Ficken a son
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cook a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Max Bryant a son
Mr. and Mrs. John Savant a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cryer a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Peagand (sp) a girl

Weddings:

Jack Bryant and June Kay
Janet Cryer and John Savant

July 12, 1953 to July 11, 1954

Deaths:

Mrs. James Wood
John Cryer
Mrs. Ray Cryer
Dean Larson

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esgar a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harper, a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huebner a girl
Mr. and mrs. Hubert Eich a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cryer a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schaible a boy
Mrs. Barbara Cryer Brownmaster a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cummings a girl

Weddings:

Ethelyn Kischer and Glen Heinrich
Margaret Schmidt and Roger McCormick
Elberta Larson and Frank Taylor
Gerald Amundson and Betty Rugh Redman
Gretchen Mitchel and Clinton Kay
Loretta Bright and Wm. Culver

July 11, 1954 to July 10, 1955

Deaths:

Fred Bright Aug. 1, 1954
Emma Cryer
Wm. Cryer
Mary Bryant

Henry Spellisy
Myrtle Hunt
Robert Sykes

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blunt a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Kay a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cryer a boy
Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy a girl

Weddings:

Harold Kay and Hazel Springer
Robert Bright and Katherine Gwarney
Donald Anderson and Beverly Hall
Shirley Schaible and Lawrence Okre
Donald Bright and Ruth Osmanson

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cryer

July 10, 1955 to July 1956

Deaths:

Ronald Ralph Cryer
Anna Colman
Dorothy Cryer Robin K.K.K.
Edna Svendsen

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cryer, a son
Mr. and Mrs. James Butz, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blunt, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bright, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cryer, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wood, a son
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esgar, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schaible, a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cryer, a son
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bright, a son
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fairburn

Weddings:

Gene Cryer and Donna West
Anita Schaible and Earl Lyons
Beverly Larson and Ralph Fairburn
Allan Kay and Nancy Hopp

July 1956 to July 14, 1957

Deaths:

Chester Kay
Lydia Wood

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. John Savant, a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lynes, a girl
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cryer, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wood, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bright, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Akre, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cryer, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Roger McCormack, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kay, a boy
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esgar, a girl

Weddings:

Donna Peterson and Paul Salverson
Glenn Bright and Barbara Webb
Joyce a. Cryer and J. Ronald Gash
Allen Esgar and Faye Leatherman
Marcia Hunt and Donald Barber
Linda Lee Lacart and James Guilfoyle

July 14, 1957 to July 1958

Deaths:

W. Elmer Cryer 8-19-57
Wm. R. Cryer (Treynor, Ia.) 9-17-57
A. G. (Bert) Cryer 9-23-57
Frank Sykes 10-18-57
Robt. Sykes (Ohio) 1958
Jess Croft Jan. 1958
Frank Swartz (Fern Wood's husband--Iowa) 1958
Ed. R. Harper June 1958
Louis Schenk (Helen Youngren's husband) 1958

Births:

Boy, Donald Allan to Jimmie Bryant 1957
Girl, Clinton Kays 1958
Girl, Billy Brights 1958
Boy, Wm. Culvers (Ernie Bright's daughter)
Girl, Robert Bryants
Girl, Tammie Jo, Ronald and Joyce Cryer Gash
Girl, Carolyn Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rivett
Boy, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kay

Weddings:

Judy Cryer (Max Cryer) to John Smith 9-7-57
Sharon Settee (Hannah Bryant Settee) to Merlyn Bass
Isabell Huss and Chas. Rivett

July 13, 1958 to July 1959

Deaths:

Irvin Kay 9-1958
Glenn Kay 12-20-58
Elizabeth Cryer (Mrs. Edward Cryer, Rev.)
Frank Howe 1-8-59
Joseph Bryant (son of John J. Bryant) 1-19-59
Fred Schaible

12/18/58

Births:

Girl, Patricia Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cryer
Girl, Debbie (Ernest Cryer, Margaret) Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson
Girl, Mary Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. John Rivett
Girl, Joyce Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rivett
Girl, Gayla Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rivett
Boy, James Michael, to Mr and Mrs. Jas. Guilfoyle
Boy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

Weddings:

JoAnn Orr and Robert I-------(am unable to read last name) 8-1958
Norma Jean Iverson and Andrew M. Stewart 2-6-1959
Carol Simpson and Burton Rivett

July 1959 to July 10, 1960

Deaths:

Walter Cryer (Iowa) 1-4-60
Mrs. Bernard Cryer 10-2-60
Dannie Cryer June 2, 60
Mrs. Ross Wilson (Iowa, Alice Wood)
Ross Wilson

Births:

Boy, Tod Allan Esgar to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esgar
Girl, Judith Schaible to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schaible
Girl, Stephanie Bass, to Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Bass (Hannah Settees Granddaughter)
Girl, Cindy Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Kay
Boy, Mark Charles Cryer to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cryer, New Lenox 11-59
Girl, Laurie Rivett, to Mr and Mrs. Burton Rivett, 4-9-60
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rivett
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rivett
Girl, Cynthia Lynn, to Mr and Mrs. Andrew Stewart (Norma Jean Iverson)
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wood (Evelyn Swartz Laudermilk)
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kay (Earl Kay)

Weddings:

Elaine Davies to Lt. Robert Hoxie (Bob Davies Granddaughter)
Keith Kisher and girl from Germany--2nd son of Ethelyn Carlson Kisher
David Pickering and Not listed Grandson of Mabel Wood Pickering

July 10, 1960 to Aug. 6, 1961

Deaths:

Frank Howe (son of David)
Robert Cryer (son of Ray) May 1961
Alice Cryer Wylie (Dan Cryer family)
Mayme Day (Jim Kay) Mar.1961
Roxanne Ostrauder Dallas, Tx. Granddaughter of Mrs. Ray Cryer

Births:

Sandra Lee Lucas to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lucas 1960
(Sarah George family) Dorothy McBride
Tammy Sue to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rivett 1961
(Sara Ann Harper family)
David Robert Crane to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Crane 1961
(Sara Anne Harper) Linda Esgar
Jeffry Esgar to Mr. and Mrs. Allan esgar1961
Karen Sue Hammond (Eloise Sykes Holmes granddaughter) 2-22-60
Son--Mr. and Mrs.Wm. Saltess (Chicago) Ben Howe's granddaughter
Son--Mr. and Mrs. Daive Pickering(Mabel Wood's great grandson) 1961
To Linda and Jim Guilfoyle, daughter of Rollin Lacart, of Aurora, 7-7-61
Twin girls, Debra Eileen and Mary Catherine
Son, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kay (Earl Kay's son) 7-14-61

Weddings:

Linda Esgar (George) and Robert Crane 9-4-60
Kenneth Esgar(George) and Nancy Willard 12-28-60
Judith Ann Kay and James Arelo (John Kay family) 6-4-61
Delores Gearard (sp) and---------- (Walter Cryer family, Kankakee)

August 1961 to July 1962

Deaths:

Gerald Sykes (son of Robert Sykes) Aug. 17, 1961

Births:

Robert Bryant Cryer to Jack and Shirley Cryer August 1961
Boy, Scott Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart, 6-18-1961
Girl, Vicki Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gash, great grandchild of Albert
Cryer of Jas. Cryer family. 7-5-61

Marriages:

Dick Esgar (son of Edw. Esgar.) and Unreadable
James N. McCleary and Nancy Jo Esgar (daughter of Edw. Esgar) 7-22-62

July 1962 to July 14, 1963

Death: Lyda (sp. Lida) Kay
Max Cryer
Ernest Bright June 9, 1963
Oscar Bernstein
Irene Wood Larson, Iowa
Mary fontana

Births:

A daughter, Lisa Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. John Savant
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rivette
A girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crane
A girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wade of Columbia City, Indianan

Weddings:

Betty Cryer Gang and Wilbur Runion
James Cryer and Diana Collins
Sharon Bright and Harry Benner
Tom Bryant and Delores Gabel
Nancy Esgar and James McCleary

For Members of Family, Write:
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Russell Cryer 1018 Hoge St., Morris
Ray Cryer 1025 Sterling, Joliet
Aunt Marie (Mame ?) 721 Liberty St.
Edith Ives 4523 Fulton St. Chicago
Ethel Bright
Hazel Rossi
Nellie Cryer
Ernest Rivett
Alice Esgar
Lyda Kay
Bob Boyer
Stella Kay 505 Grand Ave. Joliet

ACCOUNT OF

THE

FIRST ANNUAL

REUNION

OF THE

CRYER FAMILY

HELD ON

Monday August 17, 1914

MORRIS ILLINOIS

CRYER FAMILY IN A HAPPY REUNION

The following paragraphs reprinted from the Morris papers, give a good account of the first annual reunion of these families:

One of the largest and happiest family reunions that have been known for some time, took place Monday, August 17, 1914 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Bright on Fremont Ave., Morris Ill. For the past several weeks this family have spent many hours preparing for this event. invitations being sent to about 200 relatives.

About eleven o'clock, with well filled baskets, the picnicers began to arrive; some having not seen each other in years, others having never met.

At noon, table cloths were spread on the big lawn, and as soon as all the goodies were ready, every one "pitched in."

After every one was well filled (this fact expressive of itself, by the several notches being "let out" in some of the men's belts), the fun for the day started.

All joined in the races, large and small, short and tall, with objections

to none. Even the ladies had a tug of war, each trying to see, which could display the most strength.

At 2:30 some of the gathering left for the Ball Park, to see the game between the Morris Reds and the Chicago Feds.

Some complained of great hunger upon arriving from the game, so the ladies again prepared for lunch. Ice-cream and cake were also served. Lunch being over Rev. E. G. Cryer, of Peoria, Ill., was called upon for an informal speech, after which a large christening took place, the Rev Cryer being assisted by Rev. J. W. Hill, of Aurora, Ill.

Responding to the request, Rev. Cryer said in behalf of the gathering:

"Some 50 years ago in the little village of Milnrow, Lancashire, England, a little family was started, and the name was "Cryer." At an early age, we might say, as a mere youth Joseph, one of their sons, did woo and win the heart and hand of Alice Denton.

Some time later he determined that he cross the Atlantic, so he came to America. Upon arriving in this new country, he had many hardships to endure, and found the country much more adventurous than it may seem to us now.

His people were very sympathetic in his behalf when he wrote and told them he had to sleep on straw-beds, as they were always used to sleeping on beds called "Flox Beds."

Later he was followed by that noble woman (my mother). And when the hardships of frontier life seemed hard, she stood by him.

I think later they were followed by Grandfather and Grandmother Cryer, later by Mary Kaye and family, and because of these things that transpired years ago, makes it possible for us to be here today.

Some are not here. Some detained by great distance, while others have gone to a better home. These are, Aunt Mary Kaye, Uncle Tommy Sykes, Uncle John Cryer, Jos. and Alice Cryer, Uncle Ben, also Grandfather and Grandmother and others. Their course is finished, and we should consider ourselves very fortunate that our lots are favorably cast, in the land in which we live. We should do what we can to make this country better by our being in it. If we cannot live right, it would be better not to live at all. Memories of today ought to make us all live better lives.

Upon this occasion we are privileged to christen in our faith, these little children. In the Bible it says: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." I pray God to bless these little ones, also their parents."

The following children were then christened:

Hazel Lovina Cryer, Ethel Ella Cryer, and Ralph Claypool Cryer. Those are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cryer, of N. Judson, Indiana. Next Stella Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris, Sharon,

Pa.; Wm. Robt. Howe and Elizabeth Ann, children of Mr and Mrs. Ben Howe, Bureau, Ill.; Thelma Lois daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John George, Morris; Donald Walter, Ethel Burnice, Earl Wilton, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cryer, Morris; Anna Mae Frank Elsworth, children of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Howe, Morris.

Rev. J. W. Hill concluded with a prayer and afterwards Rev. Cryer called for applause from all who wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bright and family for making this event possible, to which everyone most heartily responded.

This gathering will not be forgotten for some years to come. And it is the intentions to have this gathering meet more often in the future.

The following were present from out of town, besides the many present from Morris:

Mr. and Mrs. Harper and family, Wauponsee; Mr. and Mrs. Esgar and family, Wauponsee, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Leach and family, Verona; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant and family Mazon; Mr. and Mrs. D. Bryant, family, Mazon Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hunt and family, Wauponsee; Mrs. Florence Davies and family, Mazon, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cryer and family, N. Judson, Indiana; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hill and family, Aurora, Ill.; Rev. Edward G. Cryer, Peoria, Ill.,; Mrs. Mary Harris and daughter, Sharon, Pa., Mrs. Ben Howe and children, Bureau, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Coop and daughter, Minooka; Miss Mamie Spellisey, Nokomas, Ill; Willie and Chester Kay, Chicago.

REGISTRY

Following is a complete list of the names of all who attended the first annual reunion of the Cryer family held on Monday August 17, 1914 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Bright, 916 Fremont Ave., Morris, Ill. It has been as accurately prepared as possible with what information was at hand. It is hoped that no names have been accidentally omitted.

MORRIS

William Wood
Mrs. Alice Wood

Lincoln Kay
Mrs Lida Kay
Howard Kay
Earl Kay

James Kay
Mrs. James Kay
Grace Kay
Mildred Kay
Clarence Kay
Marian Kay

Mrs. Mary Cryer

Elmer Cryer
Mrs. Alma Cryer
Donald Cryer
Ethel Cryer
Earl Cryer

Henry S. Lacart
Mrs. Henry S. Lacart
Rollin Lacart

Ruth Cryer

Mrs. Thomas Sykes

Chas. Wood
Mrs. Chas. Wood
Elvin Wood

Robert Sykes
Mrs. Izora Sykes
Gerald Sykes
Chester Sykes
Mildred Sykes

Mrs. James Wood

Herbert Hunt
Mrs. Myrtle Hunt
Millard Hunt
Alma Hunt

Mrs. Hannah Cryer

Elijah George
Mrs. Sarah George

J. T. George
Mrs. Olive George
Ralph George
Thelma George

Elmer George
Mrs. Josephine George
Mildred George
Marvel George
Leonard George

Milo Howe Sr.
Mrs. Ann Howe
Miss Lena Lois Howe

Milo Howe Jr.
Mrs. Milo Howe
Jennie Louise Howe
Frank Ellsworth Howe
Anna Mae Howe

Mrs. Anna Youngren
Helen Youngren
Willie Youngren

Joseph Cryer
Mrs. Elizabeth Cryer

Edward E. Bright
Mrs. Mary Bright
LeRoy Bright
Fred Bright
Ernest Bright
Ethel Bright
Theodore Bright
Florence Bright
Bernita Bernice Bright
Herman Bright

John Bryant
Mrs. Harriet Bryant
Hazel Bryant
Pearl Bryant
Charlotte Bryant
Edna Bryant
Henry Bryant
Joseph Bryant
Hannah Bryant
Edward Bryant
Cryer Bryant

George Mitchell
Mrs. Charlotte Mitchell

A. A. Braun
Mrs. Mary Braun
Phillip Braun

Mrs. John Steele

Julia Moran
Michael Moran
Margaret Moran

Harry Foss .

Joseph Bryant Sr.

CHICAGO

Willie Kay
Chester Kay

VERONA

William Harper
Mrs. Sarah Ann Harper
Miss Mildred Harper

Charles Leach
Mrs. Ella Leach
Clifford Leach

W. J. Esgar
Mrs. Alice Esgar
George Esgar
Edward Esgar
Ralph Esgar

MAZON

Joe Bryant
Mrs. Mary Bryant
Charles Bryant
Ray Bryant
Louise Bryant

Duane R. Bryant
Mrs. D. R. Bryant
Allen Bryant

Mrs. Florence Davies
Ralph Davies
Viola Davies

SHARON, PA.

Mrs. Wm. Harris
82 Jefferson Ave.
Stella Louise Harris.

MINOOKA

Wilbur Coop
Mrs. Stella Coop
Marjorie Coop

AURORA

Rev. Joseph W. Hill
Mrs. Sadie C. Hill
Mary Frances Hill
Gertrude Evelyn Hill

PEORIA

Rev. E. G. Cryer
112 N. Underhill St.

N. JUDSON, IND.

A. G. Cryer
Mrs. Nellie Cryer
Ethel Cryer
Ralph Cryer
Hazel Cryer

BUREAU

Mrs. Ben Howe
William Howe
Elizabeth Howe

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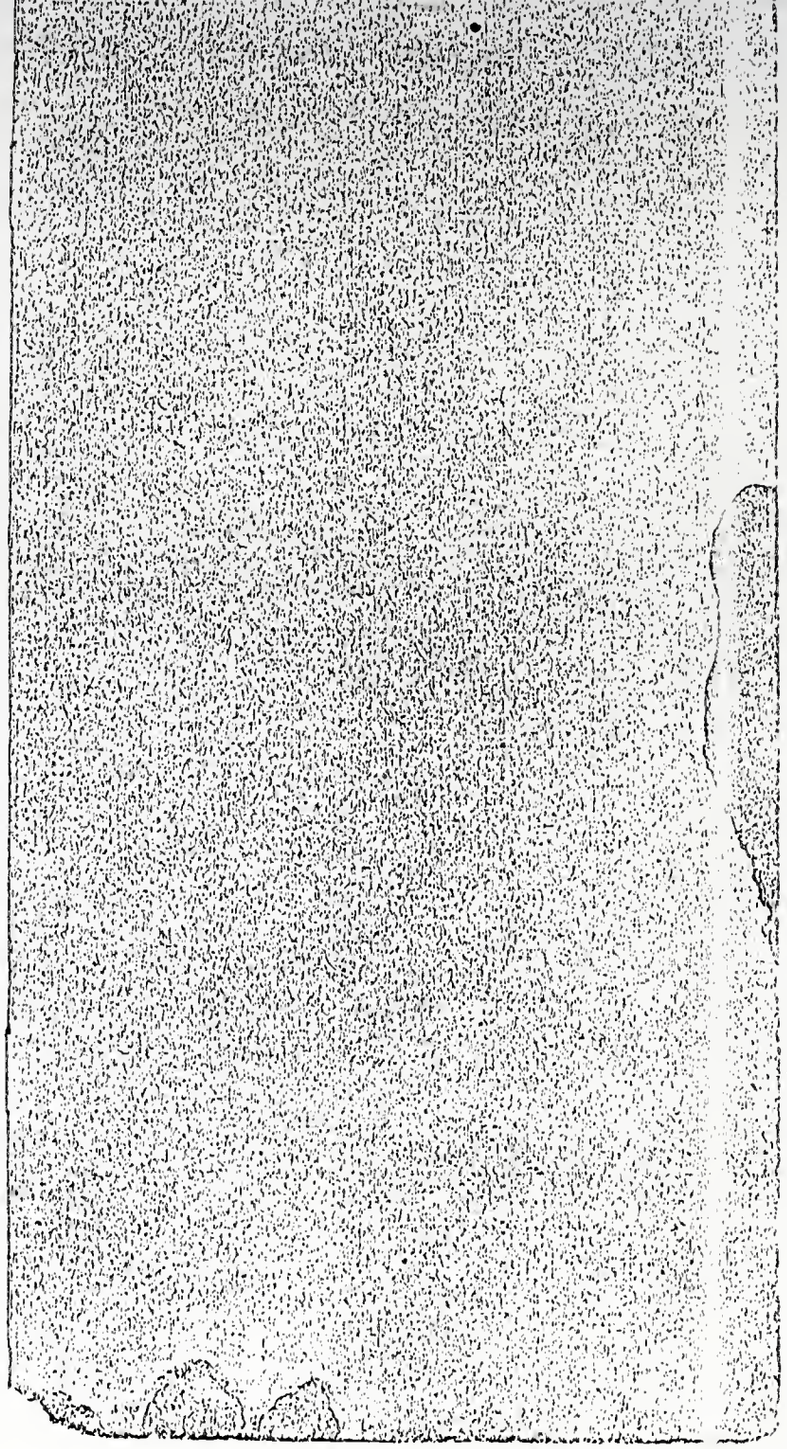
Mamie Spellisy

Regrets were received from many who for various reasons could not be present and it is hoped next year every member of the family will be able to attend.



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